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1 July 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Reply to IBM Proposal for Automatic Translation Facility

REFERENCE: Letter from Dr. Piore to you, dated 20 April 1960 (attached)

This memorandum recommends action on the part of the DCI. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 4 below.

1. The letter under reference and enclosures proposed the establishment of an automatic translation center at a cost of approximately [redacted] over a three year period.

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2. This proposal was subjected to detailed analysis and discussion in the Committee on Documentation (CODIB) of the USIB, and by the CIA Advisory Committee on Mechanical Linguistics. The position of both of these bodies is that it would be premature to set up such a center now. There is insufficient evidence available to plan the parameters of an enterprise of this magnitude.

3. We do believe, however, that we should not close the door completely on the IBM proposal. We think that the responses to the questions we have posed will help us accumulate the data base on which planning can be predicated.

4. We recommend that you sign the attached letter to Dr. Piore. The wording of the letter has been coordinated with the CIA Advisory Committee on Mechanical Linguistics and has the unanimous approval of that body.

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Concurrences:

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Paul A. Borel, AD/CR

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Robert [redacted] Approved For Release 2003/07/01 : CIA-RDP80B01676R003700020055-2

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<p>1-2 you may wish to scrub the last sentence of the draft. <i>nap.</i></p> <p>I promised Dr. Pore an answer by about 1 July and he understands why we couldn't reach a decision earlier.</p>			
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